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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6579**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 166

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 2, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 1, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Physical Therapy.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. T Brown

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill prohibits a physical therapist from performing a manipulation of the spine.

The bill also allows a physical therapist to provide subsequent treatment to a patient who was previously referred to the physical therapist for the same condition if: (1) the referral was given not more than 12 months before the request for subsequent treatment; and (2) the physical therapist contacts the referring provider within three days.

The bill allows a physical therapist to evaluate a patient without a referral, but requires the physical therapist to contact the patient's appropriate provider and obtain a referral before providing treatment.

It specifies that a physical therapist may perform sharp debridement only on the order of a physician. The bill also removes the authority that allows physical therapists to practice physical therapy upon the order or referral of a psychologist.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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